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KARACHI FOR CO, COMPANY "B"

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, MSG

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR NCOIC DE LEON

REF: AMMAN 02176

1. REFTEL PASSED BY MSG BN TO DEPARTMENT FOR RESPONSE.
2. TAD ASSIGNMENTS MAY BE MADE BY MSG BN ONLY WHEN SPECIFICALLY TASKED BY DEPARTMENT. A TRAINED POOL OF PERSONNEL DOES NOT EXIST TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY REPLACEMENTS FOR MARINES DEPARTING POST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF RELIEF. TO PROVIDE AN ACTING NCOIC FOR AMMAN WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE HIM FROM ANOTHER DETACHMENT WHO MUST THEN OPERATE WITH A VACANCY. SUCH A PRACTICE IS NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR DESIRABLE.

3. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR CONTINUITY IN NCOICS,  
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BUT OCCASIONALLY CLASS GRADUATING DATES DO NOT DIRECTLY COINCIDE WITH TRANSFER DATES CREATING A BREAK BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS. SINCE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN NCOIC BEING ABSENT FROM POST FOR LENGTHY PERIODS OF TIME IS A SITUATION WHICH DOES OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME, THE DESIGNATED NCOIC HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO TRAIN THE SENIOR MARINE AS HIS ASSISTANT. THE ASSISTANT NCOIC SHOULD HAVE DEVELOPED SUFFICIENT SKILLS

TO FILL IN FOR NCOIC AT ANY TIME. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT FEELS PRESENT ASSISTANT NCOIC SHOULD BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO TEMPORARILY ASSUME THE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY. WITH PROPER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT OF RSO, ASSISTANT NCOIC SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY PROVIDING NECESSARY LEADERSHIP TO DETACHMENT FOR SHORT PERIOD UNTIL ARRIVAL OF NEW NCOIC.

4. DEPARTMENT READILY RECOGNIZES THAT POST'S REQUEST WAS NOT MEANT TO INFER LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN MSGS ASSIGNED, OR IN NCOIC DE LEON'S ABILITIES. POST HAS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR MARINES AND YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL CONCERNED.

5. CONSIDERING ALL ABOVE, IF THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT YOUR REQUEST CAN BE RECONSIDERED SHOULD THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. YY VANCE

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